

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 8-9 as follows:

B₁ 1. (Amended) A method for the repair or replacement of vocal cord tissues comprising the steps of:
removing a damaged or diseased portion of a vocal cord, and
replacing the removed portion of the vocal cord with a graft construct comprising vertebrate submucosa or basement membrane.

B₂ 3. (Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the submucosa is intestinal submucosa.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the graft construct comprises a single layer of submucosa.

B₃ 9. (Amended) A method for the repair or replacement of damaged or diseased head and neck soft tissues comprising the steps of:
removing a damaged or diseased portion of the head and neck soft tissues, and
replacing the removed portion of tissue with a graft construct comprising vertebrate submucosa or basement membrane,
wherein the head and neck soft tissues are selected from the group consisting of vocal cord, larynx, palette, attached gingiva, nasal, and auricular tissues.

Please add claim 12 as follows:

B₄ 12. (New) A method for the repair or replacement of damaged or diseased head and neck soft tissues comprising the steps of:
removing a damaged or diseased portion of the head and neck soft tissues, and
replacing the removed portion of tissue with a graft construct comprising vertebrate submucosa or basement membrane,